



SATURDAY, DEC. 17, 1898.

## PROCLAIM A FAST.

By Frances E. W. Harper.]

Proclaim a fast, a solemn fast,  
From snow-clothed hills to sunny  
lands.  
Till Ethiopia shall arise  
And stretch to God her bleeding  
hands.

Though days be dark and courage  
faint,  
And justice lies distraught, o'er-  
thrown,  
Remember in the darkest hour,  
That God is still upon his throne.

Our prostrate race in darkness days,  
Groped through oppression's gloomy  
night,  
Until their feeble hands grew strong  
To grasp God's robe of love and  
light.

And He who led his ancient flock  
In triumph through the parted sea,  
Lifted and rent their galling chains  
And set his captive people free.

For not that hope and faith are myths  
And prayer is but a useless breath,  
Though evil seems to thrive and grow,  
His end is sorrow, shame and death.

Ye men who strode up San Juan's hill,  
And tramped our streets with martial  
tread,  
Go veil your arms with heavy crape  
And mourn above our murdered  
dead.

Peat not of victories proudly won,  
In distant climes, and far off shores,  
When lawless trampled in your midst,  
And men are murdered at your  
doors.

Shall veterans of a former strife  
Who counted not their lives too dear  
Be harried, hunted from their homes  
And crouched in agony and fear?

Shall they who helped in former days  
To check and turn the battle tide  
Be cast aside as worthless chaff,  
And trampled down by scorn and  
pride?

Shall suffering Cuba find relief  
From tender hearts and outstretched  
hands,  
While hapless men and women slain,  
With blood bedew our fairest lands?

Trust not in rulers to avenge  
Your wrongs when victims bite the  
dust,  
But cast your burden on the Lord  
And in his love and mercy trust.

Oh injured race stand in thy lot  
United, faithful, true and strong,  
Assured that in the darkest hour  
Our God can never side with wrong.

The man who sides with God and truth  
Can never, never stand alone,  
His cause is linked by God's own hand  
To chords that vibrate round His  
throne.

Help us, oh God, to look within,  
Our sins and follies to deplore,  
And from the pride and hate of man,  
Hide us oh Lord! forevermore.

—Philadelphia, Pa., Recorder.

## GEN. MORGAN'S LETTER.

I have received a copy of the Pre-  
amble and Resolutions adopted by a  
so-called Congress, held at Lynchburg,  
Va., Nov. 30, 1898. In order to correct  
any misunderstanding which may  
arise from the publication of these  
Preamble and Resolutions I wish to  
say:

First: That the American Baptist  
Home Mission Society has kept all of  
its contracts and pledges with refer-  
ence to the Virginia Seminary, and is  
prepared to keep them strictly in let-  
ter and in spirit.

## AN EMPHATIC DENIAL.

Second: Virginia Seminary has not  
been thrown entirely upon the re-  
sources of the Negro Baptist Churches  
of Virginia for its financial support.  
The American Baptist Home Mission  
Society is now paying the salary and  
expenses of Rev. J. W. Kirby, who is  
engaged in an effort to secure money  
from the Negro Baptists of Virginia  
for the erection of a building in con-  
nection with Virginia Union University,  
and for the payment of the debt of  
Virginia Seminary. The Home Mis-  
sion Society is very desirous of having  
this work completed, and is bearing  
its full share of the expense of doing  
it.

## SUPPORT NOT WITH-DRAWN.

Third: The Society has not with-  
drawn its support of \$1,000 a year from  
Virginia Seminary. That amount has  
been voted and will be paid when the  
Trustees of the Seminary are prepared  
to accept it on conditions which are  
equitable and helpful to the Seminary.  
The Board of Trustees of the Semi-  
nary requested that the \$1,000 higher  
to be given toward the salary of Pres-  
ident Hayes should be paid this year  
toward the liquidation of the interest on  
mortgage debt, stating that Pres. Hayes  
had voluntarily surrendered his claim  
for salary from the Society. Inasmuch  
as the Society had already loaned to  
the Seminary Trustees on a second  
mortgage \$4,000 on which it is receiv-  
ing no interest, it declined the propo-  
sition to pay \$1,000 on the interest  
due to other parties. The Trustees of  
the Seminary have not asked for any  
help for the school for the year to  
come.

Very respectfully,  
T. J. MORGAN,  
New York, Cor. Secretary,  
Dec. 7, 1898.

## GRAND SUPPER.

Church Aid Club, No. 4.

The hall and spacious parlors of Mr.  
W. L. Johnson on Fomher St., were  
brilliantly lighted on Thursday eve-  
ning, the 8th inst., the occasion being  
an excellent supper given by Church  
Aid Club, No. 4, to its members in  
honor of the grand work which has  
been done by them in the last four years.  
The club is the heaviest in the 2d

Baptist Church and has succeeded in  
carrying off all honors for having  
raised the largest amount of money at  
each of the rallies. The affair was one  
of great rejoicing and was some-  
what of a jubilee gathering.

The guests were some of the most  
prominent workers in the church and  
not only were the members of the club  
present, but officers and some of the  
members of the other clubs who were  
not quite so successful.

The tables were bountifully spread  
and tastefully decorated. Rev. Z. D.  
Lewis, the pastor of the church, occu-  
pied a position at the head of the table  
and invoked the Divine Blessing.

There was no music and no one could  
be guilty of the much talked of sin of  
dancing. Those present however en-  
joyed themselves to their utter satis-  
faction.

Mrs. Nannie Gray is president and  
Mrs. Agnes Reese is secretary. The  
success of the club's entertainment is  
due to the untiring efforts of its offi-  
cers and committee of arrangements.

## FROM HUNTINGTON.

Religious Notes—Personal Items.

HUNTINGTON, W. VA., Dec. 13, '98.

The weather Sunday was very disa-  
greeable, especially in the afternoon  
and night. Nevertheless a note-  
worthy audience was out at 11 a. m., to  
hear Rev. Senior of Rerville, Ohio,  
who also preached at night.

Rev. Robert Steele of the Ebenezer  
M. E. Church expounded the word in  
an able manner to his people. At  
night, the pastor gave away to the  
Epworth League chapter, which we are  
proud to say is doing a grand work in  
his church. The subject for discussion  
was "Christian Citizenship." We are  
sorry to say that owing to ill-health  
we were unable to attend. But the  
members were, despite the bad  
weather, a good crowd was out and a  
grand time had.

Mrs. James Bannister died suddenly  
on last Wednesday. Her funeral was  
preached Friday by Rev. N. Barnett.

Mrs. Florence Gardner left sometime  
ago for Knoxville, Tenn.

A grand time is anticipated here  
Xmas. Old Santa Claus will soon make  
his appearance and many youthful  
hearts will be filled with gladness.

The Sunday School of the First Baptist  
Church will give their Christmas  
tree on Christmas eve, (Saturday  
night).

We would like to say that Old Santa,  
among other things, also carries the  
PLANET. Children, don't let your par-  
ents rest until they take the PLANET,  
because it will do you good. Young  
men, your sweethearts, will appreciate  
nothing else more than a yearly sub-  
scription to the best Negro paper pub-  
lished.

Mr. C. F. Housen is in the city, after  
a long trip to Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Fannie Gibbs of Artizan Ave.,  
is very ill.

Our letter has not appeared for sev-  
eral weeks past and many have in-  
quired the reason. We are glad to  
know that our letters are appreciated  
and will try hereafter to keep you posted  
on Huntington notes.

Mrs. Gertrude Hiden is sick at her  
home on 6th Avenue.

James Minor, an employee of the C.  
& O. shops met with a very painful  
accident Sunday last. While working  
in the machine shops his hand was ac-  
cidentally caught and almost ground to  
pieces. He was sent to the C. & O.  
hospital at Clifton for treatment.

Mr. J. S. T. teacher in the  
Douglass school, is on a flying trip to  
Charleston Saturday on business.

Quite a number of deaths have oc-  
curred recently by fire. This should  
be a warning to parents pay strict at-  
tention to their children when a big  
fire is kept in the house. Never go  
away from home and leave small chil-  
ren with a large fire, if possible, or the  
result may cause you much unnecessary  
grief.

## Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The Saturday evening Bible class  
was well attended last Saturday.  
Bro. James H. Holmes and Joseph  
Griffin conducted the meetings in the  
city jail last Sunday morning.

The street work was conducted by  
Bro. John A. Bush, assisted by others.  
Last Sunday three meetings were held  
in the slums of the city.

General Secretary S. O. Burrell de-  
livered a special address to the boys  
Sunday; subject, "The power of  
habit."

Deacon Samuel H. Richardson de-  
livered an address to the men which  
was full of inspiration and encourage-  
ment. Our brother told us about the  
founding of the work in this city  
among the colored people. Director  
W. H. Isham also gave us some  
thoughts which made us feel that the  
founding of the work in this city  
was a very real thing.

Rev. W. H. Stokes spent last Sunday  
in West Point. He administered the  
Lord's Supper and preached the in-  
stallation sermon for Rev. R. J. Bass.  
The people are desirous of having Rev.  
Stokes to come again soon. This  
speaks well for our brother. When a  
man is willing to be used for the ad-  
vancement of the kingdom of God, it  
is then he will succeed.

To-day 5 P. M. Rev. D. W. Davis  
will explain the Sunday School lesson.  
Free to all.

President Clifton Cabel will deliver a  
special address to the boys Sunday at  
4 p. m.

Mr. W. A. Walker, assistant state  
secretary, will deliver a special ad-  
dress to the men Sunday at 5:30 p. m.,  
at the room; subject, "Why men  
fail."

Fathers and mothers, invite your  
sons to spend their Christmas at the  
Y. M. C. A.

We are glad to welcome Dr. Charles  
White home. Let us all help him to  
succeed. We are waiting and hoping to  
welcome another of our young men—a  
lawyer.

Young men, come and spend your  
Christmas with us. You are invited.  
Prof. Benj. H. Peyton read a very  
able paper to the men last Friday night  
on the subject, "How to solve the  
Negro problem."

## OHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILWAY.

Christmas and New Year Holiday Rates.

Holiday and excursion tickets will  
be sold at reduced rates between all  
stations on C. & O. Railway, on De-  
cember 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30,  
and January 1, 2, with final limit of  
January 4. To students of colleges,  
holding certificate from the principal,  
the sale of these tickets will also be  
made December 16th to 21st addition-  
ally.

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## OH, YE TEARS!

TWO WOMEN STOLE.  
A COMPARISON.One Was White and the  
Other Colored.JUSTICE CRUTCHFIELD  
METES PUNISHMENT.The White One Takes An  
Appeal To Escape Jail by  
Way of the Hustling  
Court

[Dispatch, December 13, 1898.]

Mrs. Georgia Harris, at least that is  
the name given at the station-house,  
was arrested yesterday on the charge of  
shoplifting from one of the large Broad  
Street dry-goods stores. She was taken  
to the Second Station and bailed for  
her appearance in the Police Court this  
morning. The articles alleged to have  
been stolen, the contents by her, are  
considerable, and aggregate in value  
about \$10. The woman, who is  
about 25 years old, was well dressed,  
and is said to be well connected. She  
was in a state of great excitement at  
the station-house, and sent for friends,  
who arranged for her to be bailed. The  
woman lives in the county, and her  
name is not Harris. The police have  
learned this.

Bell Jackson is the name of the Ne-  
gro woman arrested for stealing goods.  
Miss Bell Jackson (colored) charged  
with shop-lifting from a road-street  
dry-goods store, was found guilty and  
sentenced to thirty days in jail. The  
articles stolen amounted to 35 cents.

[Daily Times, Dec. 15, 1898.]

Mrs. David Moss, alias "Mrs. G. A.  
Harris," who is alleged to have taken  
certain small articles from the store of  
Julius Meyers' Sons Monday morning,  
was found guilty of petit larceny in the  
Police Court yesterday morning and  
sentenced to fifteen days in jail.

An appeal was taken through her  
counsel, Mr. M. F. Maury, and the case  
went on to the Hustling Court. Mrs.  
Moss being released on \$100 bail, with  
Mr. Samuel Brauer as security.

When the case was called Mr. Wilton  
Cosby, the floor-walker at the Meyers'  
establishment, stated that he saw Mrs.  
Moss take several articles from the  
counters and place them under her  
cape, and that then he went up to her  
and told her what he had observed. She  
went with him to the office and ac-  
knowledgeed that she had taken the  
things and asked forgiveness, explain-  
ing that she did not know what she  
was doing.

## COULD NOT FORGIVE HER.

Mr. Cosby declared that he could not  
forgive her, and called Mr. Meyers,  
who sent for an officer and had Mrs.  
Moss arrested and carried to the Sec-  
ond station.

The officer who arrested Mrs. Moss  
also stated that she acknowledged hav-  
ing taken the things, but at the time  
she was very much excited and dis-  
tressed.

Mrs. Moss said, when placed on the  
stand, that she took the things for the  
purpose of buying a piece of velvet,  
and that as she entered the store, a  
table with kid gloves thereon attracted  
her attention. She looked at the  
gloves and passed on to another table  
with linen mats on it and was looking  
at the mats when Mr. Cosby accosted  
her and accused her of taking things  
that did not belong to her, and then  
she observed that a pair of the gloves  
that she had been examining had  
caught on a pin in her cape and was  
still hanging there. This she said, had  
caused Mr. Cosby to believe that she  
was shoplifting, and so no such idea had  
ever entered her head.

She became excited and thought of  
the disgrace that would fall upon her-  
self and her family, even at the suspi-  
cion, and in her distressed condition  
she gave an assumed name, thinking  
that she would be given time in which  
to explain and to send for her friends.  
She was not allowed to explain, how-  
ever, she said, and what she said sub-  
sequently to the officers and others  
she did not know.

## PROCLAIMED HER INNOCENCE.

"I did not take anything that did not  
belong to me," said Mrs. Moss, "and  
had it not been for those gloves hang-  
ing to my cape I would not have been  
here."

By the side of Mrs. Moss sat her aged  
mother and nearby stood the grieving  
husband, and the whole party was in  
tears while the large crowd that had  
assembled in the court room were  
deeply affected. The Justice, himself,  
was moved, and there was a lump in  
his throat when he passed the sentence  
upon the unfortunate white woman.

As the words fell from his lips the  
party directly interested, embracing  
Mrs. Moss, her husband and her moth-  
er, burst into sobs that echoed and re-  
echoed throughout the room and sent  
forth the wail of three, or two at least,  
broken hearts, and the faces of all in  
the courtroom reflected sincere regret.

Mrs. Moss is a comely-looking young  
woman and the scene was most touch-  
ing as she in company with her hus-  
band, mother and lawyer entered the  
private office of Justice Crutchfield,  
wept in deepest grief, and the door  
closed behind them.

After consultation with counsel Mrs.  
Moss decided to take an appeal as  
stated above, and the case went on to  
the Hustling Court.

From Springfield, Ohio.

The Queen Esther Court gave a very  
delightful entertainment last Wednes-  
day evening at their hall on W. Main  
St. Quite a large audience was in at-  
tendance and a most enjoyable time  
was had by all present. The program  
was for the benefit of the order.

The six clubs of the Second Baptist  
Church who rendered the program on  
Thanksgiving evening at the Army  
hall were tendered a very nice recep-  
tion last Thursday evening at the Sec-  
ond Baptist Church.

The North St. A. M. E. Church choir  
sang in Columbus Wednesday evening  
at the St. Paul Church, and many peo-  
ple of Springfield went with the choir.  
They all had a very nice time.

Prof. E. W. B. Curry of Urbana, who  
is president of the Curry College there  
spoke at the Second Baptist Church  
last Sunday morning on the subject of

prize, which was a very interesting  
talk.

The four clubs of the North St.  
A. M. E. Church, W. E. and Second  
Baptist Churches give an entertain-  
ment four nights for the benefit of the  
church about Christmas week. There  
will be a grand entertainment  
each of the nights.

A Sacred Concert will be held at the  
Second Baptist Church Sunday, Dec.  
18th. All are invited to come.

Mr. Mitchell, who has been south,  
lectured at Y. M. C. A. rooms last  
Sunday afternoon on "What the race  
is doing in the south."

## MANIFEST LETTER.

The concert given at the First Baptist  
Church of last Tuesday night by  
Mrs. M. V. Newson was very well pat-  
ronized, but the concert did not come  
up to expectation, hence a good bit of  
grumbling was heard from the concert-  
goers.

The "Italian Dialect" by Miss  
W. Selena Blackwell; solo, "Come un-  
to me," by Miss M. Ethel Washington;  
the reading, "My last home," by Miss  
Eva Terry; and a dialogue, consisting  
of recitations and choruses, led by  
Misses Bertha Hughes and Laura Hop-  
son, were very fine. Mr. Q. W. Moon  
acted as stage manager.

Rev. Gordon Coleman occupied his  
pulpit last Sunday, preaching able ser-  
mons.

Rev. Dr. Bings will preach Sunday  
morning from the text, "Thou shalt  
not steal."

We learn that Rev. D. Webster Da-  
vis, A. M., pastor of the Second Baptist  
Church, preached on last Sunday  
night about the North Carolina out-  
rage, and he spoke as man never dared  
to speak before.

We learn that a number of our male  
sex will take to themselves a better  
half during the Xmas holidays.

## PERSONAL.

This is to certify that in its last regu-  
lar business meeting Nov. 28th, 1898,  
the Galilee Baptist Church of New  
Town, Henrico County, Va., did revoke  
the license of N. C. Booker and L. M.  
Qualls as preachers of the Gospel, and  
excluded them and Tom Dabney from  
the fellowship of the church for failing  
to hear the call of the church, and for  
styling themselves the Galilee Baptist  
Church in the city of Richmond, Va.,  
and the Galilee Baptist Church of  
New Town, Henrico County, Va.,  
knows of no such church in the city of  
Richmond, but we do know that the  
above named persons were members  
of the Galilee Baptist Church of  
New Town, Henrico County, Va.

Done by order of the church,  
Rev. J. T. CARTER, Pastor.  
M. J. EDWARDS, Ch. Clerk.

## XMAS, 1898.

An Entertainment composed of Table-  
aux and the Charming Cantata, "The  
Rebuke of Red Riding Hood, and Cho-  
ruses will be given by the Young Peo-  
ple of St. John Baptist's Institute,  
North First Street, Wednesday, Dec.  
23rd. We hope all our old friends will  
be present to encourage the efforts of  
the young people. Admission, 20 Cts.  
Doors open at 7:30 P. M. Performance  
begins at 8 P. M.

To the Children—A matinee espe-  
cially for the children will be given at  
4 o'clock, Wednesday, Dec. 23rd, 1898.  
Admission, 10 Cts. Doors open at 3:30  
P. M.

THE VIRGINIA MUTUAL MEDICAL  
SOCIETY.

This society is especially designed to  
help the members of all sick benefit  
societies, as its physicians will visit the  
sick members as often as necessary,  
furnish all medicines and give a  
certificate of sickness, for the weekly  
dues of 25 cents.

Any member who charges a member may  
be sick for six months and have a phy-  
sician every day; there will be no ex-  
tra charges and the sick member need  
have no fear that he will become a  
charity patient or be sent to the poor-  
house.

As a further proof of the society's  
sincerity, members, readers, in  
case of death, a SUTABLE CASKET,  
A HEARSE and FOUR CARRIAGES.

There will be a grand concert and  
festival given at the Moore St. Baptist  
Church for the benefit of the Galilee  
Baptist Church to help them rebuild  
another church, Monday night, Dec.  
19th, 1898. Given by Miss Mary Ma-  
brey. Doors open at 7 o'clock and per-  
formance commences at 8:30. Come  
out and help us.

LEWIS—QUARLES—The marriage of  
Mrs. Sophia E. Quarles to Mr. Charles  
Lewis will take place Thursday, Dec.  
22nd, 1898 at 9 P. M. at the residence of  
the bride's parents 912 N. 7th Street.  
Friends are invited. No cards.

BURRELL—Died in Brooklyn, N.  
Y., Sunday, Dec. 4th, at 6:15 o'clock,  
at his residence, 137 Fulton St., Wm.  
T. Burrell, only son of Col. J. Burrell  
and brother of Mrs. Wilson R. Grey  
and Mrs. Ulysses S. Briggs, both of  
this city. His funeral was preached  
by Rev. Dixon, pastor of the Concord  
Baptist Church of which he was a  
member, assisted by Rev. Brown.

The casket was of dark oak. The  
funeral designs were many and very  
handsome.

He was a devoted husband, a loving  
father, a dutiful son and a kind brother.

"None knew him but to love him,  
None named him but to praise."

Age, 26 years, 4 months, 4 days. He  
died as he lived—trusting in the Lord.

## PERSONALS BRIEFS.

Mr. Edward Corbin, of King  
William Co., called on us.

—Capt. W. A. Hankins, Co. A,  
Sixth Virginia, (U. S. Vol.), called on  
us last Saturday. He had been granted  
an additional ten days furlough.

—There will be a sermon preached  
at Fifth St. Baptist Church Sunday  
evening, Dec. 18th, by Rev. E. Tarr,  
subject, "Wings and Hands," under  
the auspices of the rally club, sister  
Mary Page, president.

—Rev. R. H. Nazareth, of Morris-  
son, Va., lost his house and all of his  
belongings. He has our sympathy.

—Mrs. Mildred A. Cross, president  
of the Richmond Colored Choral As-  
sociation, is very ill at her home, N. 2nd  
Street.

Mr. Addison Tyres, on last Thursday  
night joined hands with Miss Georgie  
Heath in wedlock at the residence of  
his parents on Calverton St.

## MAGNO'S MESSAGE.

SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES.

A YOUNG MAN LEAVES HIS WIFE  
WITH A KISS.

Committed Suicide—No Four Hundred  
Of Jackson Ward—Other Items of the  
Ward

Last Sunday was seemingly clear,  
but cold. Our people nevertheless  
turned out well to the churches.

At the Ebenezer Baptist Church, the  
pastor, Rev. R. Wells preached an ex-  
cellent sermon in the morning. In the  
afternoon, Rev. A. S. Thomas of Shar-  
on Baptist Church preached a powerful  
sermon to one of the clubs of Ebene-  
zer.

Rev. R. O. Johnson, B. D., occupied  
his desk at Moore St. on last Sunday  
morning and evening. Rev. P. S. Low-  
is preached at 8:30.

The eloquent Rev. John Jasper, pas-  
tor of Sixth Mt. Zion Church, filled his  
pulpit on last Sunday. At 3:30, he ad-  
ministered communion to a large con-  
gregation.

A young man bearing the name of  
Eddie Burrell was shot in the back on  
last Sunday. The full particulars are  
as yet unknown.

The concert given by Miss Mary Ma-  
brey at the Moore St. Church on last  
Monday night was a grand success.

It was rumored during last week that  
one of our young married men uncer-  
moniously kissed his wife good-by and  
left this city for Philadelphia. After  
a few days' absence, like the prodigal  
son, he wanted to come home, and  
was heard from. We're now informed  
that his wife left last Monday in search  
of him. What will the meeting be?

Quite a sensation was caused on last  
Tuesday evening near the corner of 2nd  
and Baker Sts., by the unusual report  
of a pistol. It soon proved that Mr.  
James Meriwether had retired to the  
rear house of Dr. John Meriwether,  
A. M. brother, and shot himself in the  
mouth. He was almost instantly killed.

Mr. Charles Lemus and Mrs. Sophia  
Quarles will join hands in holy wed-  
lock, Thursday night, December 22nd,  
at the residence of the bride's parents  
on North 7th St.

Some of our people are very indig-  
nant over an article published in the  
Times calling a certain class, the Four  
Hundred. We deem it ridiculous for  
any of our people to become indignant  
over such. In the first place, Jackson  
Ward has no Four Hundred; and when  
such a name is applied to us by such  
writers, it serves as a burlesque. The  
better thinking people can see this.

Young men, be careful and think be-  
fore putting on the matrimonial yoke.  
Let the best thoughts characterize  
your action.

Young girls be not hasty in giving  
your hand in wedlock. Study the out-  
ward acts of your intended, and judge  
their inward thoughts.

Christmas is fast hearing in sight  
and many are the preparatory now in  
action. Jugs and demijohns have been  
mustered largely into service.

Some of our boys are making them-  
selves presents of wives as Christmas  
presents. One has even got out for the  
marriage of Mr. Addison Tyres.